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GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION!

Sunday, March 23, 11:00 am, Temple Beth Or

Join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion. After years of much planning and many fundraising efforts, we are now close to breaking ground on our remodel and new building. This event is an opportunity to recognize and honor our accomplishments, say goodbye to our current building as we know it, and celebrate our future home together. Enjoy a song performed by our Religious School children and hear a message from **Rabbi Kort**. Hard hats and shovels will be available to "break ground." Additionally, come paint a rock that will

go into the garden of our new building. Lunch will be served. Registration is required for planning purposes. Register by March 19 at templebethor.org/service-registration/.

Volunteers needed! Please contact **Wanda Bresnick** if you can help.



Help us pack and move! See pages 2, 3 and 6

Beginning with the May *ORacle*, and while we are not in our building, we need your help! We will be sending the *ORacle* primarily through email rather than in printed form, and we ask you to print out the edition at home. For those members who require a mailed printed copy, fill out the form at <u>tinyurl.com/oracleoptin</u>. However, mailed editions will be in black & white rather than color. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding!



From our President

"Lech L'cha" takes on new meaning for TBO

"Lech L'cha" means "go forth." It is the title of the third parashah in B'reshit, the first book of the Torah, in which Abraham is told to move from his native land with his family and all his stuff. The idea of movement is a theme we often encounter in everyday life and in Judaism. We sing about moving from light to darkness and back to light as we welcome Shabbat. And of course the story of the Exodus is foundational; we have thought, read and talked about the

40-year trek through the wilderness with all its literal, metaphorical and philosophical meanings for millenia.

And now WE are moving, not from the trials of slavery, but from a building that we have outgrown - that is hot in the summer and cold in the winter and has no bathroom upstairs. And just as the Israelites faced the unknown with its difficulties and lack of a place to call home, we are entering a time for our Congregation when we will be wandering in the desert. Okay, you are right, that's an exaggeration! We will not be in the desert but we will be in unfamiliar territory and out of our home on Lombard Avenue. And while we are wandering, we will keep our thoughts on that bright future as we deal with unavoidable delays, inconveniences, etc., with the cheerful and collaborative spirit for which we all love Temple Beth Or.

As I write this, **Wanda Bresnick** and her team are planning the March 23 Groundbreaking Celebration. I am looking forward to this event, which will be a lot of fun. Wanda has worked with the Religious School to include children at the celebration. After all, the move to the remodeled building will be an integral part of their growing up at TBO.

There are opportunities for all of us to be part of this adventure. Are you accepting an electronic version of the *ORacle* instead of a paper version? Did you help pack our stuff? And of course, when the building is finished, we will need your help to move our stuff back in. And please continue to donate "until it feels good," as **Jeff Napp**, chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, says. TBO leadership takes seriously the task of using our resources to create a space that is safe, accessible to all, and more comfortable and inviting. We will have a nicer home for our very nice congregational family.

Thank you to all those who continue to make this dream come true. Lech L'cha b'shalom.

Nancy Rosen, President (she/her)

Upcoming remodel events, opportunities and milestones

Feb 28	TBO office relocated to temporary offsite space - Sarah Davis/Melanie Field
March 1	Religious School packing event - Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson/Rani Linarelli
March 7	Membership Dinner - Leslie Elsemore
March 16	Purim Carnival - Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson/Rani Linarelli

March 21, 6:30 pm

Family service, last in-person service in the building as it is

March 23, 11:00 am Groundbreaking Celebration - Wanda Bresnick

March 23 afternoon Packing up all the artwork and items on the walls - Kaye and Michael Gorlick

March 23 afternoon Organizing items for the surplus sale, date of sale TBD - **Deb Henry**

March 24 - 28 Last days of packing and moving - **Rich Spitzer**March 26 Copier leaving the building - **Sarah Davis**

March 31 Final sweep of the area - Rich Spitzer/Melanie Field/Glen Pickus

Watch *ORbits* and Facebook for additional details and information. More packing activities are being planned. If you want to help with the kitchen/supply closet effort, still being scheduled, reach out to Leslie Elsemore. And if you want to help with the copy room or office, reach out to Melanie Field or **JonaRose Feinberg**. We hope to see many of you at these upcoming opportunities to connect, help out and celebrate.



Remodel news

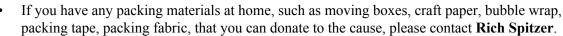
A huge number of people have been working really hard to get us ready for construction. Thanks to all!

- Harold Dash shared a presentation at the special membership meeting on February 2, seeking congregational approval to sign a construction contract with CPM to proceed with the project. The measure passed overwhelmingly with 65% of eligible members voting. Thanks to all who joined the meeting and/or watched the recording and voted.
- We had a successful first packing event on Sunday, February 16, coordinated by **Melissa VonAschen-Cook** and **Rich Spitzer**, and got the library and some other items boxed and ready for storage. It was fantastic to see so many volunteers show up to help.
- Rich Spitzer has been figuring out our storage needs and options. As things are packed, they will need to be loaded, transported and unloaded at our storage locations. Watch for information about how and when to help.
- Eldon Wexler and Glen Pickus are working with CPM and lawyers to finalize the construction contract language.
- Glen Pickus is coordinating with our architect and civil engineer to finalize responses to City of Everett comments on our remaining outstanding permit applications.
- **Bob Goodmark** is sorting out the insurance for our stuff while it is in storage. He is also continuing to track our insurance claim and has begun discussions with our bank regarding a bridge loan for our project.
- JonaRose Feinberg and Melanie Field have been touring potential sites with relevant committee leaders and staff for Religious School and services. Locations have been recommended and approved by the Governing Board, and contracts are in process.
- Additional packing events are planned. See information on page 2 about other upcoming activities and the coordinators.
- Wanda Bresnick and her crew are planning a community groundbreaking celebration for Sunday, March 23. See article on page 1 for details.
- The Communications Committee is working on a second groundbreaking event tailored for the media and dignitaries. This will most likely be in April.
- **Deb Henry** is coordinating our effort to move out our surplus stuff. She is planning an event near the end of the month. Watch for more details in *ORbits* and Facebook.
- Our goal is to be fully out of the building by April 1 so construction mobilization can begin at that time.

There are lots of ways you can pitch in. See other articles throughout this edition. If you have questions, feel free to contact Harold Dash, Melanie Field, or Glen Pickus.

How you can help

Here are some ways you can help make our move out go smoothly.



- If you have space in your home or office where you could store boxes or furniture for about a year, reach out to Rich
- If you have access to a truck that we can use to transport boxes or furniture or can help with loading/unloading our stuff bound for storage, let Rich know.
- Participate in the packing/purging opportunities shown in the schedule on page 2.

For more information about a specific activity, contact the coordinator listed. For general questions or ideas related to sorting, purging, packing, storage or transportation of items being stored, please contact Rich.

As they say, many hands make light work - and there is plenty of work to do. This is a great time for our community to come together, mingle and meet other members while we are preparing our building for construction. Thanks in advance for pitching in!



March services

Purim

Friday, March 14, 7:30 pm, with service leader Vicki Schwartz and musician Noah Zeichner

Join TBO for a lively and spirited Shabbat and Purim celebration. We will read an interpretation of the Book of Esther, acknowledging the heroes and villains of the Purim story. All are invited to attend, but this service is geared toward adults and *b'nei mitzvah* students. A costume, mask, or just a hat is encouraged. This service will last about 60 minutes. **Guests** - Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/. Registration ends Friday, March 14, 3:00 pm.

Family Shabbat

Friday, March 21, 6:30 pm, with service leader Rebecca Hicks and musician Shoshana Stombaugh

Our entire Temple Beth Or community is invited to our Family Shabbat service especially designed to nurture and engage our children and Religious School community. The evening will include songs, prayers and a story. The service will last less than an hour.

Guests - Register at <u>templebethor.org/service-registration/</u>. Registration ends Friday, March 21, 3:00 pm.

Shabbat from Israel

Friday, March 28, 7:30 pm, with Rabbi Rachel Kort

Join us from the comfort of your own home as Rabbi Kort leads an abbreviated Shabbat worship experience. The focus of this evening together online will be Rabbi Kort sharing a taste of her experience in Jerusalem, where she is currently on sabbatical.

Shabbat Zoom: tinyurl.com/tboshabbatzoom
Meeting ID: 837 4187 0594 Passcode: 531760
Dial-in users: 253-215-8782













ADULT EDUCATION

Membership dinner and guest speaker from Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest



Friday, March 7, 6:30 pm dinner Program begins at 7:00 pm in person and on Zoom



Guest Speaker: Andrea Soroko Naar Co-Founder of the Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest

Andrea Soroko Naar co-founded the Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest in 2017, with the goal of raising the activism of Jewish and multifaith communities. The Coalition partners with immigrant organizations. It advocates for fair policies, accompanies people in areas of need, and assists congregations in developing awareness and actions.

Ms. Soroko Naar was formerly an English teacher at Garfield High School (Seattle) and in the Bay Area, and became an advocate for undocumented students from the classroom. Andrea believes that telling our stories, seeing systems up close, taking action together, and showing solidarity is how we build the world we wish to see. She is thrilled to step into the role of Executive Director and be fully invested in growing the impact of the Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest.

This is a members-only event. All participants must register in advance so we can plan for refreshments. Registration ends Wednesday, March 5, 3:00 pm. Register at templebethor.org/service-registration/.



Co-hosted by the TBO Membership and Social Action Committees



From our Director of Youth Education

Religious School and the Social Action Committee co-hosted a program in honor of Tu BiShvat. With the freezing temperatures, we met at TBO instead of the planned Community Garden for our Tu BiShvat fun. Special *todah rabah* to Terry Bockovich from Down to Earth Community Gardens for teaching everyone how to make seed bombs, Julie Plaut Schreiber for her songs and stories, and our wonderful TBO leadership that helped make the day possible: **Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson, Rani Linarelli, Melissa VonAschen-Cook** and **Naomi Katsh Barger**.

AttfaireStefanie Somers (she/her)





Packing party! Library and HHD books



Thanks to our members who helped pack the library and the High Holy Day books: Vicki Schwartz, Mark Bresnick, Wanda Bresnick, Melissa VonAschen-Cook, Matt Sowell, Naomi Katsh Barger, Vicky Romero, Harold Dash, Nancy Rosen, Rich Spitzer, Melanie Field







Time to give and take

If you have borrowed anything from the temple - a book, a serving tray, a tool - NOW is the time to return it, so it can get packed and stored with everything else during construction.

If you have left anything at the Temple that you want back - a baking dish, a sweater, an art project - NOW is the time to retrieve it. Otherwise, it may be deemed surplus and be disposed of. We will be vacating the building at the end of March and anything to be kept must be removed before then.

Your remodel team friends thank you for your assistance.

Calling all fob and key holders

If you have any Temple keys or fobs, please hold on to them and stash them in a safe place that you'll remember. We are still evaluating what our future security system will be. You may be using your same fob in the future, so please keep track of where you put it. Thanks for your cooperation.





A warm Havdalah on a cold evening

Membership Committee news

Happy TBO Anniversary! We appreciate your being a part of our TBO community:



- Tom and Leslie Elsemore 25 years
- Mark and Anita Goralnick 25 years
- Ellis Engbar 22 years
- Doug and Judy Wallis 22 years
- Mila and Ken Lowery 9 years
- Rabbi David and Beth Fine 7 years
- Rachel Gorlick and Karl Haberlach 6 years

A reminder to our members on social media that Temple Beth Or encourages you to engage in multiple ways.

You can "Like" and follow our public page: Temple Beth Or Everett

tinyurl.com/tbofacebook

You can join the community in our private members-only group: Temple Beth Or Members tinyurl.com/tbomemberfacebook



World Zionist Congress and your vote

The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is a democratically elected international body that helps decide the direction of Israel and World Jewry. It is essentially the "Parliament of the Jewish People." It meets every five years.

Before the state of Israel was even created, the international Jewish community came together and dreamed big – what would it look like if we came together and created a land where we are safe and could actualize our potential and live our values? Every five years, we all have a chance to vote our values!

The WZC is an important, institutional way for Reform voices and Reform values to have a real and significant say in how Israel spends its money and treats its people. It is a right and a responsibility for Diaspora Jews to vote in this election. Voting builds power by gaining influence. More votes = more delegates = more power, resources and funding for Reform voices!

Elections

Once every five years, we have a Jewish civic duty – to Israel and our people – to cast our vote and make our voices heard in the World Zionist Congress election. On March 10, voting will open for the 2025 WZC, and you can vote for our Vote Reform slate. Elections run through May 4. There is a \$5 voting fee, which covers the cost of the election.

Why vote? Because our opponents in the WZC campaign are highly motivated fundamentalists whose vision for the future of Israel is diametrically opposed to the Reform Movement. They are organizing to destroy what we value, including:

- Chipping away at Israel's democracy
- Rolling back gains for gender equity, LGBTQ+ rights, and religious pluralism
- Stripping our Israeli Reform clergy especially our women rabbis and our Reform communities of their rights, funding, and infrastructure
- Making sure that our converts and their children are not welcome in the Jewish state
- Expanding settlements and blocking any hope of Palestinian self-determination and safety
- Their vision writes Reform Jews out of the next chapter of Jewish history and will make Jews in Israel and around the world less safe.

Learn more about the WZC campaign at arza.org/wzc.

Social Action Committee news

The *Tzedakah* Box recipient for January-March is Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice Northwest (JCIJ-NW). An "immigrant justice movement grounded in Jewish values, traditions, and community," JCIJ-NW works to raise awareness, educate and advocate for a more just immigration system.



You can donate through the *Tzedakah* Box in the foyer of TBO, on the TBO website, or directly to the organization. For more information, go to jewishcoalition.org.

The immigrant experience book list

America is a diverse country - home to people who have been here since time immemorial, people who were brought here against their will, and people who came with dreams of a brighter future for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. Appreciating our diversity might begin when we expect to see differences, but instead find unanticipated similarities. John F. Kennedy referred to immigrants as people with "the fresh memory of old traditions." Stories can help us both empathize with fresh memories and find comfort in old traditions.

Below are some books that might open doors for family discussions around diversity and connection. Many of these titles are available from independent bookstores, the public library, or online read-alouds.

- What Is a Refugee? by Elise Gravel (ages 3+)
- Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña (ages 5+)
- Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border by Mitali Perkins (ages 5+)
- A Star Shines Through by Anna Desnitskaya (ages 5+)
- A Taste of Home by Richard Ho (ages 7+)
- Across So Many Seas by Ruth Behar (ages 12+)

For more recommendations for readers at all levels, visit Teaching for Change's curated list of books on a variety of topics https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/.

Health

Reportedly, leaders in the current federal administration, specifically in the Department of Health and Human Services, are considering changes to our vaccine policies. As of this writing, we are still able to get vaccinations as our doctors direct, for those who choose to get vaccinated. So, it might be a good time to make sure you are up to date.

Fluoride use is also being called into question. Scientific studies show that the amount of fluoride in our drinking water is not high enough to cause any damage but definitely has a beneficial effect on dental health. You may want to pick up a few extra tubes of toothpaste containing fluoride, if that's something that your family chooses to use.

We are not sure yet what changes may come to Medicaid, Medicare and other insurers. We will try to stay informed and share information as we have it.

Capital Campaign updates

Congratulations, members of Temple Beth Or! We did it! We have almost enough funds for the basic construction contract. Our Leadership Donors pledged an additional \$500,000 over the last two months (*Todah rabah*!), AND we received another unexpected gift from a small Jewish foundation (\$250,000). We are very blessed. Membership overwhelmingly voted to proceed with the contract and we're moving forward. Thank you to all our members for your support.

Next on the Capital Campaign's agenda is a second ask of our general membership. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 to pay for the remainder of funds needed for the contract and major items not in the contract. These items are important for our use of the completed remodel (e.g. kitchen cabinets and appliances, applying ballistic covering to all the new windows, an awning and architectural metal screening to provide weather protection and privacy on the east side of the building). Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Look for the details about the second ask of membership in upcoming TBO communications. And join us on March 23 for the membership Groundbreaking Celebration.



March yahrzeits



3/1	Albert Friedman	Husband of Vicki Schwartz			
3/2	Fanny Hochman	Grandmother of Ellie Hochman			
3/2	Mary Rubin	Mother of Solly Rubin			
3/2	Ruth Shapiro	Mother of Sheryl Shapiro			
3/3	Lillian Gross	Mother of David Gross			
3/3	Efrat Schwartz	Sister-in-law of Vicki Schwartz			
3/3	Mikhail Zavul	Grandfather of Aileen Wexler			
3/5	Lillian Gorlick	Mother of Michael Gorlick			
		Grandmother of Joshua Gorlick			
		Grandmother of Rachel Gorlick			
3/5	Julian Littman	Grandfather of Jeff Napp			
3/6	Barbara Black	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/7	Ada Balk	Mother-in-law of Selma Balk			
3/7	Ethel Engbar	Grandmother of Amy Paquette			
		Grandmother of Ellis Engbar			
3/7	Sarah Halle	Mother of Suzan Halle			
3/8	Greta Ehrlich	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/8	Lillian Karr	Mother of Rennie Karr			
3/8	Reynold Karr Sr.	Father of Rennie Karr			
3/10	Kenneth Hill Cross	Father of Michael Cross			
3/11	Bud Paquette	Uncle of Dan Paquette			
3/11	Diana Jean Rees Kemp	Grandmother of Melissa VonAschen-Coo			
3/12	Judson Napelbaum	Grandfather of Jeff Napp			
3/13	Donald A. Freidel	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/14	Selma Heineman	Aunt of Hanna Schwarz			
3/14	Gretel Klein	Mother of Hanna Schwarz			
3/14	Hugo Klein	Father of Hanna Schwarz			
3/15	Donna Hascal	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/15	John Wallis	Father of Doug Wallis			
3/16	Fred Weisz	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/17	Abraham Edelstein	Father-in-law of Mim Edelstein			
3/19	William "Bill" Becker	Stepfather of Doug Wallis			
3/19	Gary Alan Drapkin	Temple Beth Or Family			
3/20	Fanny Schott Field	Grandmother of Melanie Field			
3/24	David Bisen	Grandfather of Melanie Field			
3/24	Kathleen McPherson	Mother of Kathie Roon			
3/25	Joan Gurian	Mother of Anne Gurian			
3/25	Reeve Lichtman	Nephew of Helen Grossman			
		Cousin of Miriam Wnuk			
3/26	Sarah Ann Schwartz	Mother of Vicki Schwartz			
3/26	Rose Sebel	Grandmother of Howard Schoenfeld			
3/27	Stephen T. Voit	Father of Sandy Voit			
3/28	Sid Cohn	Father of Steve Cohn			
3/28	Eugene I. Snyder Father of Gwendolyn Campbell				
3/29	Craig Lawson	Father of Scott Lawson			
3/29	Simon Robinson	Grandfather of Glen Pickus			
3/29	Linda Romero	Stepmother of Vicky Romero			
3/31	Art Bori	Friend of Debra Henry			
3/31	Suzanne David	Sister of Pamela Spitzer			
3/31	Byrdeen Thompson	Mother-in-law of Shannon St. George			

What is LIFE & LEGACY?

LIFE & LEGACY® is a partnership program which helps communities such as TBO build endowments to provide long-term stability and support to sustain Jewish life. LIFE & LEGACY encourages individuals to plan for afterlifetime giving. Periodically, we'll answer some questions about LIFE & LEGACY.

Why does TBO have a LIFE & LEGACY program?

TBO has always been careful to plan strategically for our future. Just as we work to build an improved permanent home for our congregation, we also want to ensure our long-term programming and community support are strong and stable. Best practices say that nonprofits today need the financial support of an endowment such as LIFE & LEGACY to be viable for the future.

How do we assure a Jewish tomorrow?

Our Congregation practices fiscal responsibility by reviewing and voting on our annual spending plans. That ensures we are well situated for our day-to-day operating expenses. We must also consider and plan for our long-term future. By joining LIFE & LEGACY today, you help provide the resources to develop and grow toward the Jewish future we envision.

Please contact a committee member to learn more...

Bob Goodmark
Debbie Halliday
Deb Henry
Eldon Wexler
Sonia Siegel Vexler



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TBO mailing information for donor advised fund/401K fund payments

Please take a moment to update your donor advised funds and 401K fund managers. Effective immediately, we are no longer accepting payments sent overnight or via FedEx, UPS, or any service other than USPS. Payments from these funds frequently come overnight and are delivered to the door. Due to construction, the office will be offsite and no one will be in the building to accept these or any other deliveries. Our address will remain the same (3215 Lombard Ave., Everett, WA 98201) but we will only be accepting USPS.

In-person office closed starting February 28

The office will close and move to **Sarah Davis'** home starting February 28 for the duration of the remodel. Mail, email, and phone will remain the same. Packages will not be delivered to TBO, so contact Sarah (<u>office@templebethor.org</u>) if you need to have something delivered.



Leadership news

During the Governing Board meeting on February 2, 2025, the Board did the following:

- Sonia Siegel Vexler conducted a Life & Legacy training session.
- **Rich Spitzer** led a discussion on how to handle the *ORacle* printing while we are out of the building.
- **Jeff Napp** reported that during the leadership phase of the second Capital Campaign ask, ten households donated \$494,000, which was \$74,000 above the goal for this phase.
- Policy concerning reimbursements was passed. A request for reimbursement
 must be accompanied by receipts, and the reimbursement request must be
 approved by the appropriate committee chair, Board member, or financial
 officer. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by either the Vice
 President or Assistant Vice President of Finance and Facilities Management.
- The Board accepted the recommendation of the Relocation Task Force for the offsite location for Religious School while our building is under construction.
- The Board agreed that TBO would host an Iftar dinner in cooperation with the Pacifica Foundation on March 2.



2025 Board installation

Rich Spitzer, Bob Goodmark, Jeff Napp, Nancy Rosen,
Pattipeg Harjo, Gwen Campbell, Wanda Bresnick
With service leader Neil Weinstein
Not pictured: James Feinberg, Ron Green, Rani Linarelli,
Dana Sanders, Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Temple Leadership

Rabbi

Rachel Kort

Governing Board

President

Nancy Rosen

Immediate Past President

Wanda Bresnick

VP of Community & Engagement

Jeff Napp

VP of Finance & Facilities Management

James Feinberg

VP of Jewish Life

Ron Green

Assist. VP of Community & Engagement

Dana Sanders

Assist. VP of Finance & Facilities Management

Bob Goodmark

Assist. VP of Jewish Life

Pattipeg Harjo

Board Secretary

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Members-At-Large

Gwen Campbell

Rani Linarelli

Rich Spitzer

Staff

Office Administrator: Sarah Davis
Director of Youth Education: Stefanie Somers

Committees and Task Forces

Atidaynu: Sheryl Shapiro Adult Education: Pattipeg Harjo

Bereavement: Susan Cross

B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator: Pam Spitzer

Book Club: Wyndi Russakoff

Building: Vacant

Calendar: Sarah Davis Campership: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Capital Campaign: Jessica Burgamy & Jeff Napp

College & Military Outreach: Marilyn & Mike Glosser

Communications: JonaRose Feinberg

Facebook: Deb Henry Financial Administrator: Norm Black

First Chapter: Vacant

Fundraising: Dana Sanders

High Holy Days Coordinator: Wanda Bresnick

HHD (Rosh HaShanah): Robyn Klarman HHD (Yom Kippur): Gwen Campbell

Life & Legacy: Sonia Siegel Vexler

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Library: Melissa VonAschen-Cook Membership: Leslie Elsemore

Mitzvah Corps: Carolyn Wexler

Next Chapter: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Nominations: Sonia Siegel Vexler

Oneg Coordinator: Janet Karr

ORacle Editor: Kathie Roon

ORacle Publisher: Rich Spitzer

ORbits: Janis Warner

Remodel: Harold Dash & Melanie Field

Ruach & Ritual: Janis Warner

Safety & Security: Mark Bresnick

Social Action: Naomi Katsh Barger &

Melissa VonAschen-Cook

Technology: James Feinberg

Website: JonaRose Feinberg
Youth Education: Meghan Lefrancois-Hanson &

Rani Linarelli



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Governing Board meeting 10:00 am Interfaith Iftar dinner	Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	Finance Committee audit meeting 7:00 pm	5 Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm	Remodel Task Force mtg 7:30 pm	Liaison Committee meeting 10:00 am Membership dinner and guest speaker 6:30	8
Fundraising Committee meeting 6:30 pm	10	Life & Legacy Committee meeting 11:00 am	12	13	14 Purim 7:30 pm	15 ORacle deadline
TBO Tots RS Purim carnival	Membership Committee meeting 7:00 pm	18	Capital Campaign meeting 7:00 pm Ruach & Ritual meeting 7:30 pm	20	21 Family Shabbat 6:30 pm	22
Groundbreaking Celebration 11:00 am	24	25	26 Safety & Security Committee mtg 7:00 pm	27	Shabbat from Israel 7:30 pm	29
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Fill out the Calendar/Event Submission Form to add an item to the calendar and/or set up a Zoom meeting; this includes all committee meetings. Please submit a form even if you are using a private Zoom.

 $\underline{temple bethor.org/calendar-submission}$

The Temple office is now closed for all in-person business. Sarah Davis is working offsite and can assist you Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The temple mailing address, phone, and office email remain the same.

office@templebethor.org

Check ORbits, TBO Facebook page, or the TBO website for the most up-to-date information.



Return Service Requested

Temple Beth Or Mission Statement

Temple Beth Or is a warm, compassionate, vibrant, spirited, inclusive, and participatory Reform Jewish community.

We are religiously and geographically diverse, serving the northern Puget Sound region of Washington State. As God's covenantal partners in fulfilling mitzvot, our priorities are:

- *K'hilah* (community)/*mishpachah* (family) nurturing our interactive, multigenerational extended family;
- Torah lifelong learning, searching for meaning, and seeking comfort and healing;
- *Avodah* worship and celebration through the observance of meaningful, creative, and traditional rituals;
- *Tikkun olam* transforming ourselves and our world through *tzedakah* (fairness), social justice, and *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness).